UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE

COMMISSION,

Plaintiff, : Hon. Vernon S. Broderick

V. : Civil Action No. 1:21-CV-07700(VSB)(SN)

SIMON PIERS THURLOW, et al. : RESPONSE TO PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO

STRIKE AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

**Defendants**:

Upon review and consideration of Plaintiff's Motion and Memorandum in Support thereof, Defendants Roger Fidler, Bryce Boucher, Bradley Fidler and Western Bankers Capital, Inc. believe it to be in their best interest, and for judicial efficiency, to not oppose the Motion and to reconsider asserting the Affirmative Defenses, if appropriate, after discovery reveals the extent to which the Complaint was filed with sufficient gross negligence and/or malice to rise to a level constituting violation of Defendants' constitutional rights necessary to support defenses of fraud and estoppel.

November 15, 2024 RESP

Lutz, Florida

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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